

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A television program selection system, comprising: a grid of television programs slotted for a particular time and channel, said grid containing a plurality of key frame images for ~~of~~ each program; and means to select the slotted program to reveal a sequential showing of said key frame images, wherein the sequential showing represents a continuum of the slotted program as it progresses.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images are invoked in ~~a sequence~~ said sequential showing following follows the story line ~~or progress~~ of the program.

Claim 3 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein one of said key frame images is highlighted.

Claim 4 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images comprise at least one sound byte.

Claim 5 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said key frame images comprise a textual message.

Claim 6 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image is most indicative of the theme of the program.

Claim 7 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprise a single color.

Claim 8 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

Claim 9 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of selecting a preferred television program from a plurality of television programs, comprising the steps of:

- a) choosing a specific program from a display of textually described programs; and
- b) displaying said specific program as a sequence of key frame images, wherein the sequence of key frame images represents a continuum of the slotted program as it progresses..

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of selecting a preferred television program in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said display of key frame images in accordance with step (b) sequentially follows the story line or progress of said specific program and at least one of said key frame images is highlighted.

Claim 12 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said key frame images comprise at least one sound bite.

Claim 13 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said key frame images comprise a textual message.

Claim 14 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image is most indicative of the theme of the program.

Claim 15 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a single color.

Claim 16 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11,

wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a bright border.

Claim 17 (original): The television program selection method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said at least one highlighted key frame image comprises a sound bite.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A television program selection system, comprising a grid of television programs slotted for a particular time and channel, said grid displaying a plurality of key frame images of each television program selected by a television viewer wherein the key frame images represents a continuum of the slotted program as it progresses.

Claim 19 (original): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 18, wherein each selected television program comprises a sound bite.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The television program selection system in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said grid displays a sequence of key frame images for each program and further wherein said sequence follows the progress storyline of that particular program.